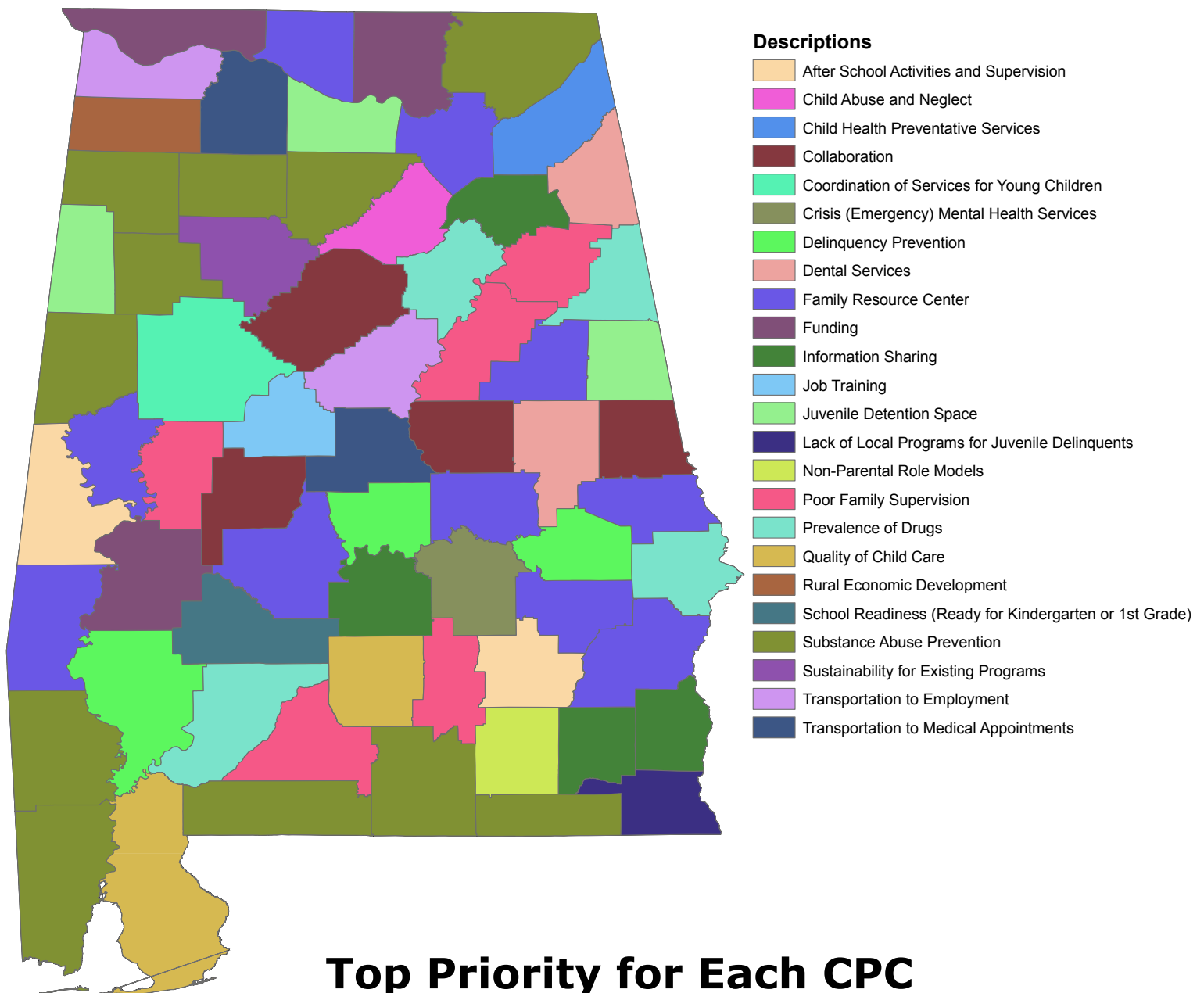


# 2006 Needs Assessment Maps



# Availability of Employment

Pickens County's unemployment rate is higher than the state and nation. This has a tremendous impact on the health, education, and safety of the children in the county.  
**Pickens County CPC**

Adults need resources and locations to find current job availability  
**Jackson County CPC**

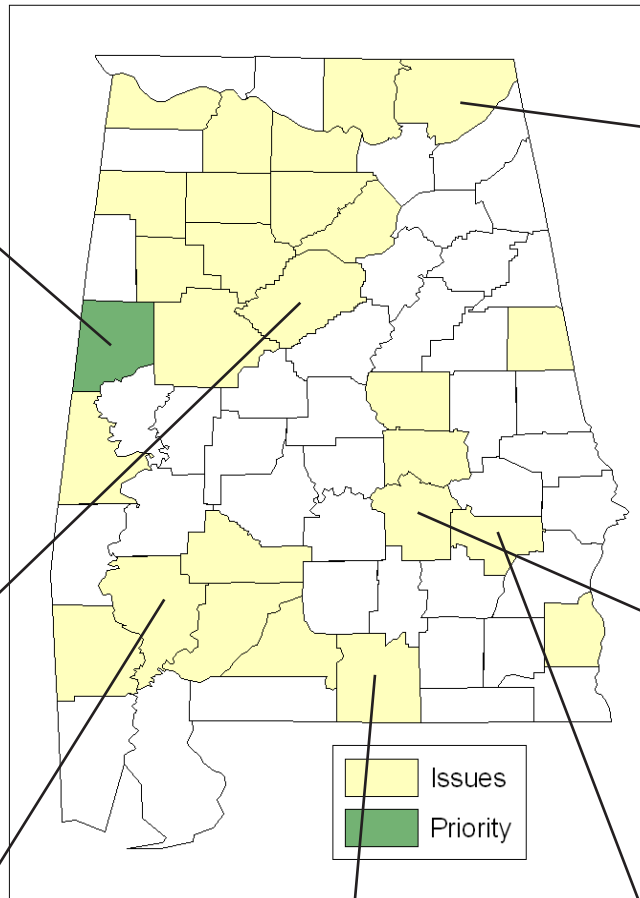
Provide economically disadvantaged youth with guidance to help prepare them for transition from adolescence to adulthood  
**Jefferson County CPC**

Develop a community support system for assisting young women in finding permanent employment  
**Montgomery County CPC**

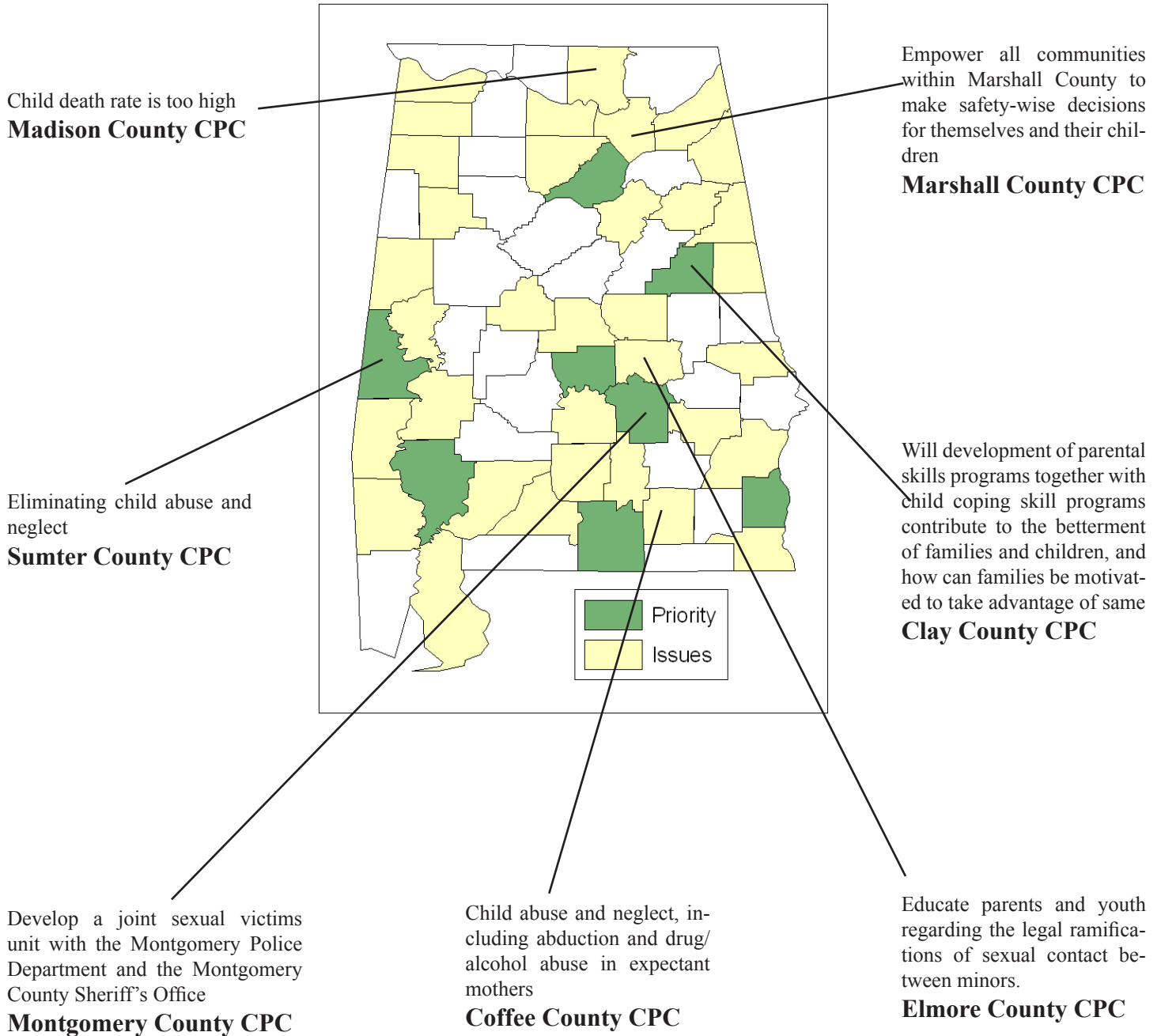
To enable parents on welfare to secure and maintain employment.  
**Clarke County CPC**

Lack of communication between county employers and potential employees  
**Covington County CPC**

Provide local career awareness to young people prior to entering the work force  
**Bullock County CPC**



# Child Abuse and Neglect



# Child Health Preventative Services

Locate and educate parents of birth of age five population on the availability of healthcare coverage and how to utilize these services.

**Cleburne County CPC**

Shelby County children, ages 0-5, are in continual need of medical and developmental screenings.

**Shelby County CPC**

Support and expand existing programs providing comprehensive screenings for pre-school children.

**Hale County CPC**

Increase community awareness of the many health issues related to children (drugs, STDs, pregnancy, abuse and neglect, etc.)

**Elmore County CPC**

Limited use of child health preventative services

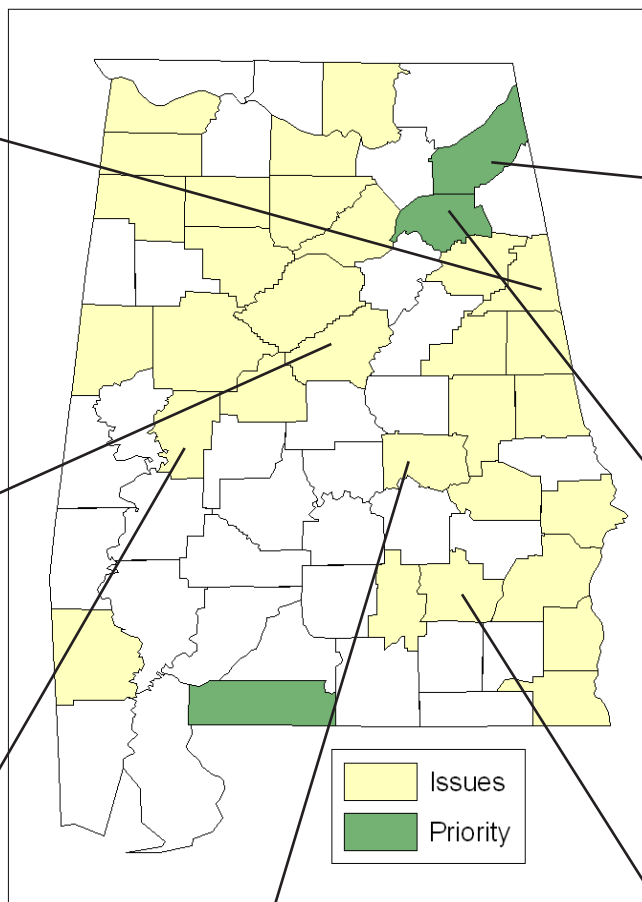
**DeKalb County CPC**

Preventive health services will be made available through state funded resources

**Etowah County CPC**

Health issues including substance abuse, unsafe sexual behaviors, sexual abuse of children, unhealthy dietary behaviors combined with physical inactivity

**Pike County CPC**



# Collaboration

Continue to build collaboration among child serving agencies, organizations and individuals in Jefferson County

**Jefferson County CPC**

Cherokee County needs an active grant review team

**Cherokee County CPC**

Locate local resources and service providers

**Choctaw County CPC**

Participation in our children's policy council will improve

**Coosa County CPC**

Collaborate within the county to secure funding for existing programs that are making a positive impact on the youth and families.

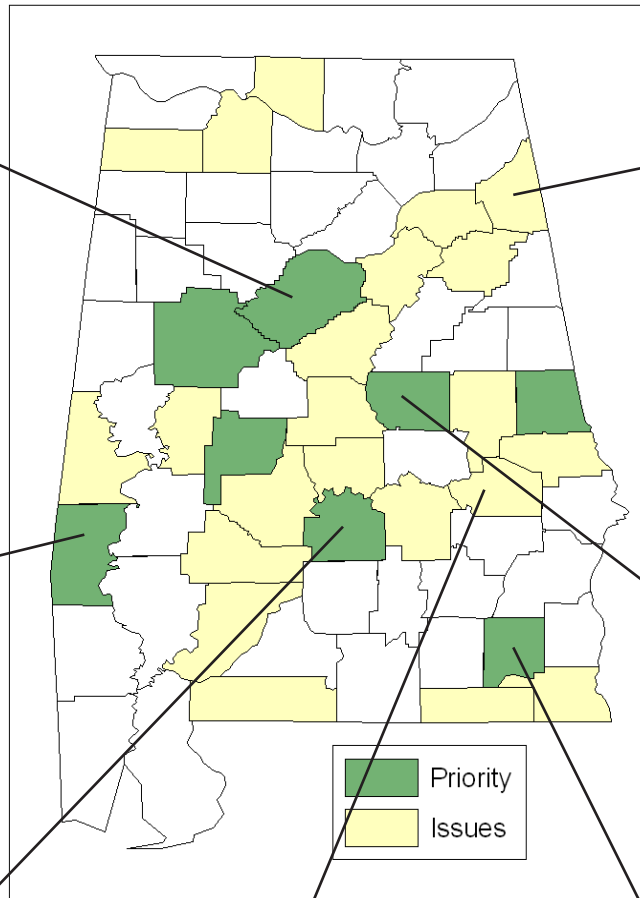
**Lowndes County CPC**

Encourage governmental cooperation to fulfil the action steps

**Macon County CPC**

Sustaining and strengthening Children's Policy Council

**Dale County CPC**



# Family Resource Center

Assure community resources are available to entire family.

**Fayette County CPC**

Focus on expansion of space and capacity of the Family Resource Center to offer services and programs to the community, acting as the central point of contact for compiling and keeping resource information current and disseminating this information to the general public.

**Shelby County CPC**

State funding to establish a Resource Center in Greene County

**Greene County CPC**

Establish a Family Services Center in Bullock County with input from all agencies serving families and children in the county.

**Bullock County CPC**

Need better coordination of services through a Family Service Center, which involves existing local agencies in leadership.

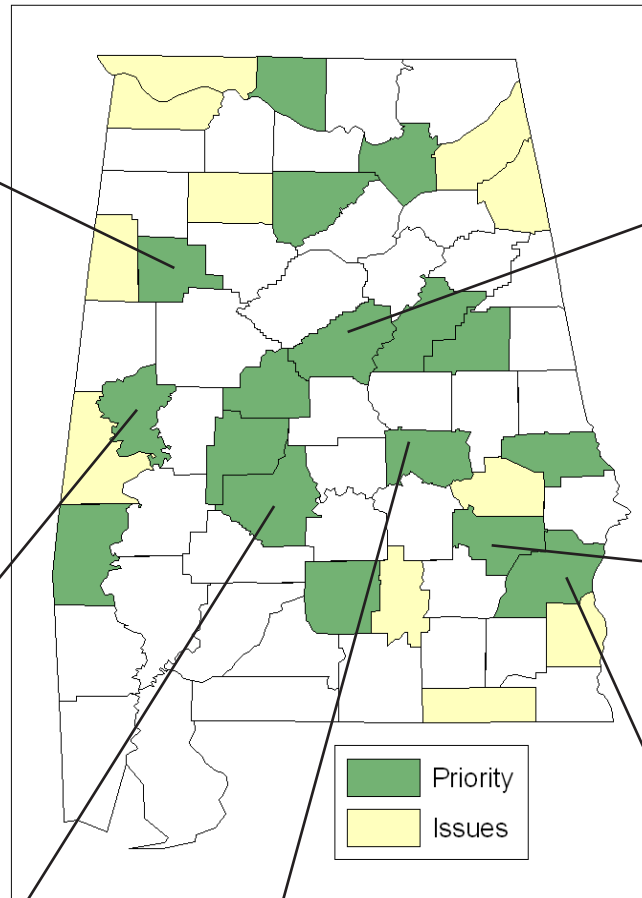
**Dallas County CPC**

Family Resource Center - secure permanent funding and building

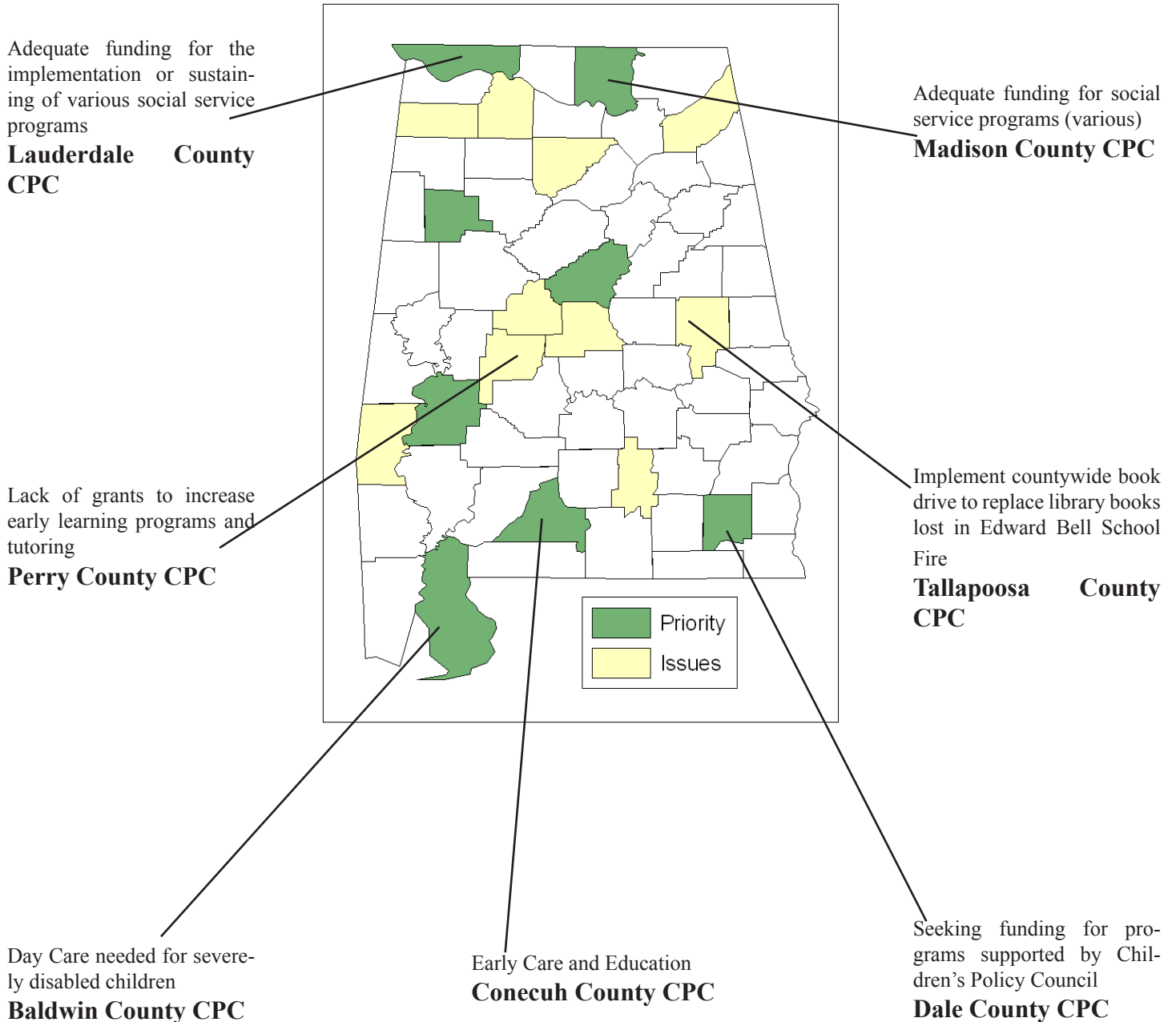
**Elmore County CPC**

Seek programs to assist families as a whole in basic living skills; such as parenting skills, financial management, discipline options, Example: multi-systemic approach

**Barbour County CPC**



# Funding



# High School Graduation

Increase high school graduation exam passing percentage for students in Winston County

**Winston County CPC**

Inability of some students to successfully complete certain sections of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam (A.H.S.G.E.)

**DeKalb County CPC**

All children in Marion County have access to a social workers/therapists in the school system

**Marion County CPC**

Reduce the truancy and drop-out rate.

**Russell County CPC**

Difficulty with students passing the Alabama High School Graduation Exam

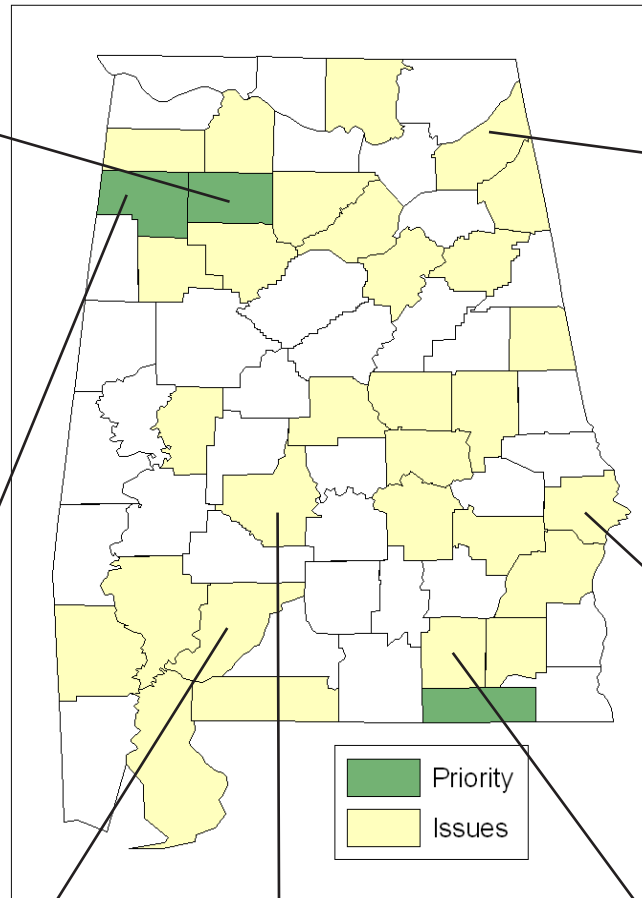
**Monroe County CPC**

Educate youth on the importance of a high school diploma/GED and employability/work maturity skills.

**Dallas County CPC**

Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE) pass rate

**Coffee County CPC**





# Information Sharing

Need for parents to receive awareness information regarding the importance of parent participation in the following areas: school participation, programs, family budgeting, and prevention awareness.

**Walker County CPC**

Continue to build a School Health Network that includes nurses and administrators from each of the county's school systems. The purpose of the network is to identify common needs and collaborate to meet those needs

**Jeffeson County CPC**

Community awareness of existing resources

**Lowndes County CPC**

Communicating Early Childhood Care and Education Program information to the community

**Escambia County CPC**

The community, education officials, and social service providers will be aware of the resources available in Etowah County

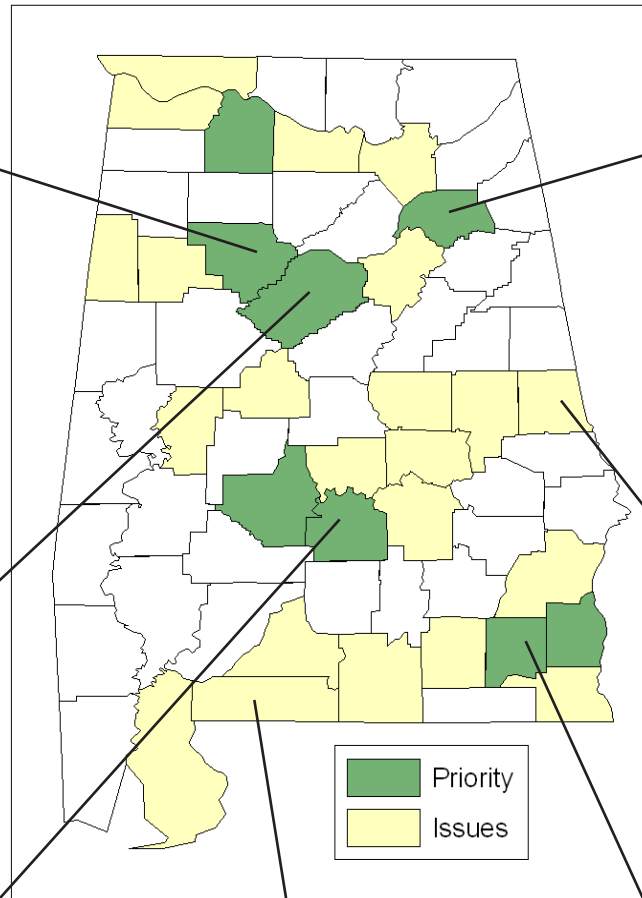
**Etowah County CPC**

Enhance concrete services/resources available to Early Warning Court Process

**Chambers County CPC**

Informing public about existing community resources

**Dale County CPC**



# Job Training

Lack of availability for job-training, parenting and independent living skills for young indigent parents

**Limestone County CPC**

Provide employment education and career planning for youth in Marshall County

**Marshall County CPC**

Economic Security (Training for Workforce)

**Bibb County CPC**

Address loss of job source (plants)

**Blount County CPC**

The youth of Shelby County need a unified and comprehensive plan of services and resources for work readiness and job related skills, particularly focusing on youth who have barriers to employment

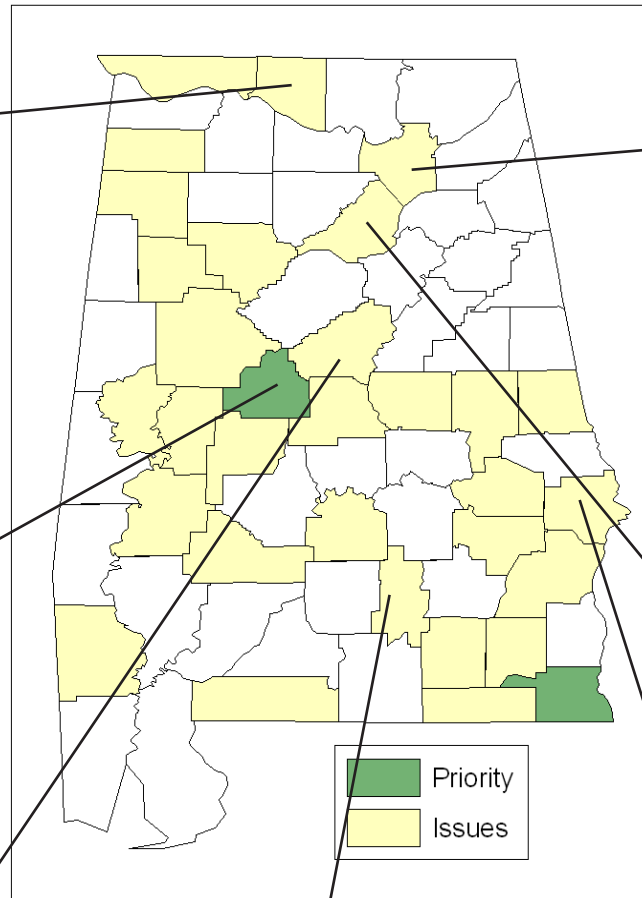
**Shelby County CPC**

Lack of job training and placement for county teenagers.

**Crenshaw County CPC**

Increase availability of job training resources to rural residents.

**Russell County CPC**



# School Readines

## Ready for kindergarten or 1st grade

Low percentage of children who receive periodic screenings for vision, hearing, speech, and developmental delays

**Lauderdale County CPC**

Education parents and community on recognizing delayed development and resources available for children

**St. Clair County CPC**

Students cannot read or write at grade level, including lack of parental involvement and students are promoted to the next grade without being able to adequately complete coursework of current grade.

**Wilcox County CPC**

Provide training and awareness to parents, center and home based care for the developmentally age appropriate education of children ages 0-5 years of age.

**Houston County CPC**

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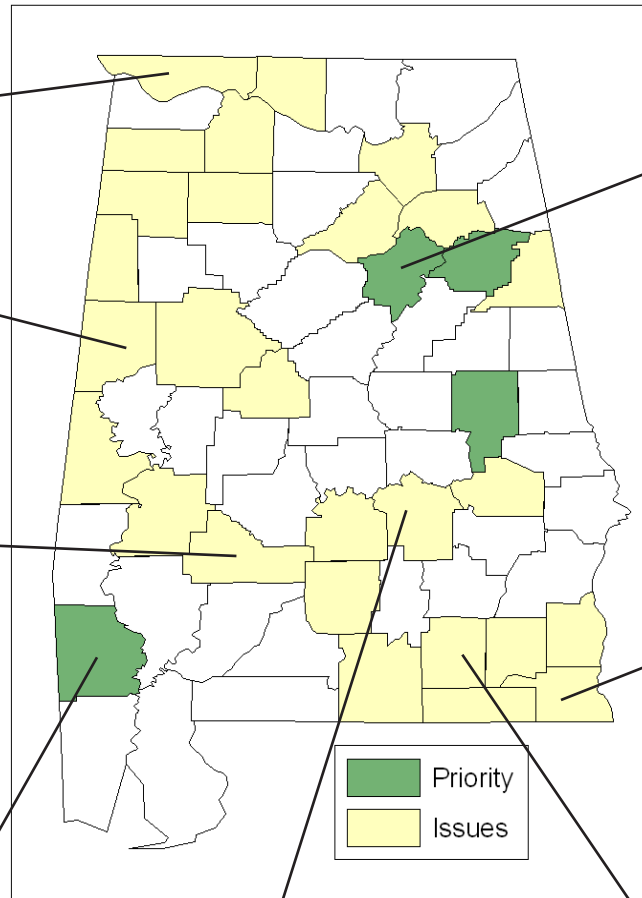
**Washington County CPC**

All children are actively learning in all developmental areas and will be prepared to succeed in school

**Montgomery County CPC**

Lack of training and awareness concerning developmental issues and special-needs children

**Coffee County CPC**



# Substance Abuse Prevention

Establish an effective system for prevention and intervention for tobacco and substance abuse

**Winston County CPC**

To decrease the rampant use of and manufacturing of crystal methamphetamine

**Jackson County CPC**

Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Truancy Prevention/Intervention among youth are high in Franklin County. Need to increase the Prevention education among youth.

**Franklin County CPC**

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**Chilton County CPC**

Counseling Programs will be available for children and families for mental health counseling, substance abuse prevention, and crisis counseling services

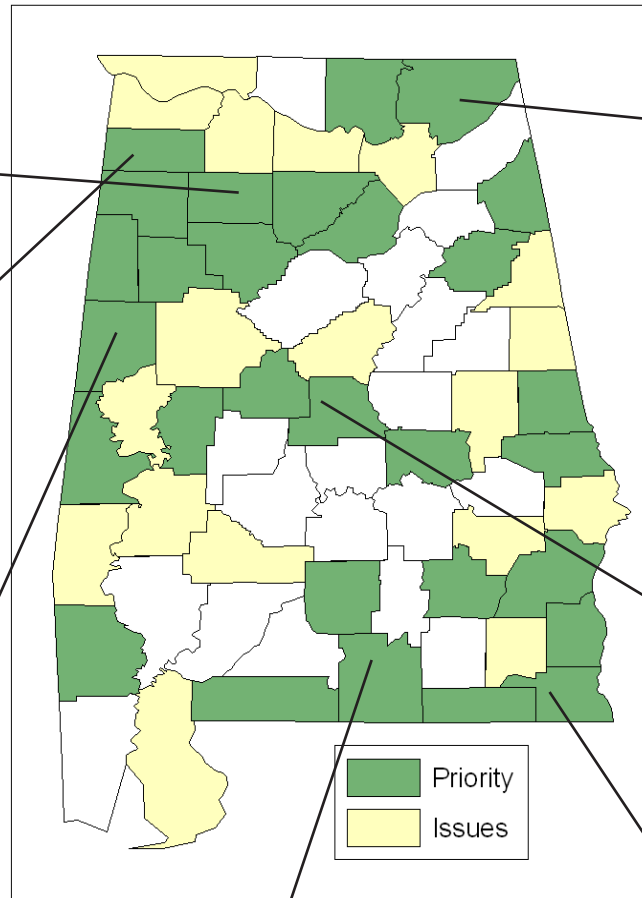
**Pickens County CPC**

To provide more substance abuse prevention in Covington County.

**Covington County CPC**

Increase in methamphetamine use in Houston County affects multiple community sectors. Parents and the community at large lack awareness/knowledge regarding the dangers of meth production and use. Businesses that are affected by meth use- retailers, property owners, hotels, etc. also lack awareness of meth production and its effects on the environment.

**Houston County CPC**



# Teen Pregnancy

